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SENATOR WEHRBEIN: Senator Maurstad, will you yield?

SENATOR MAURSTAD: Yes, I will, Mr. President. Senator. Section 23-175 only deals with counties and so this is only dealing with counties.

SENATOR LYNCH: Do you think it's a good idea this apply to all subdivisions of government or should we ask another amendment to have it apply to cities, to school districts, to fire districts, "hydrants" districts, everybody that has equipment and things.

SENATOR MAURSTAD: But, Senator, I would...I would not be opposed to that. There was a bill that was introduced last year that dealt with that particular issue. I believe there was an interim study conducted this past year, and I think that it is something that could and should be pursued.

SENATOR LYNCH: Okay. And the other observation I would like to offer you is that I don't know much about this part of the insurance industry, but I've been around NACO for quite awhile, and I have discovered in the past that sometimes when people ask for experience in whatever kind of pool, or from whatever group or whether it is public or private, it sometimes isn't necessarily done with the best of intentions, not to see, you know, whether or not they can do a better job, but sometimes they ask for that experience to know whether or not they even want to bid it, because if you're not going to make a living, if you can't make money bidding this business at any price, why would you even want to try? So just so we don't think when we talk about experience, as Senator Bromm did, that it's important that that be passed out, that it is always done with the best of intentions. Sometimes asking for that experience means, in your own selfish way, you don't want to get involved if you can avoid it, but you don't want to admit it. There's an awful lot of things involved with this kind of business, and I think we have to understand it all. I...I have to say that I would agree with Senator Schimek and, at the present time based on what I know and what I think, that we should not support the second part of the amendment.

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: Thank you, Senator Lynch. Senator Beutler.